

EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

East Providence School Committee

East Providence City Hall Council Chamber

145 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island 02914

August 7, 2014

Open Session

Mr. Monteiro called the meeting to order at 8:00AM. Members Present: Elizabeth Clupny, Timothy Conley, Anthony Ferreira, Joel Monteiro. Also Present: Kim Mercer, Superintendent of Schools, Andrew Thomas, Esq.

Motion made by Mr. Conley that the Committee convene in Executive Session for purposes of discussing Personnel – R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a) (1), seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 4-0.

The School Committee returned to open session: Members present: Elizabeth Motion by Ms. Clupny to return to public session and to seal the minutes of the executive session, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 3-0.

Report Executive Session Votes – Ms. Clupny reported that one vote

was taken in executive session regarding personnel and Intervention Strategy L.III.1; the vote was 4-0 to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag & Moment of Silence were observed.

Public Comment I – Agenda Items - None

Update on the Whiteknact School Construction Project

Mr. Ed Catelli reported that insulation was unloaded today and crew will be working today and tomorrow; 65% of the roof; 25% gypsum; 6ft. x 3 ft. needs to be re-poured; drainage completed tomorrow; cement pours and asphalt; clean courtyard; grass by next week; drainage completed; asbestos August 15th ten days to remove; after air quality testing, then we will start tile work.

Mr. Ferreira – asked about peeling roof back; see gypsum?

Mr. Catelli stated that was already done; looked at it today; strip roof and put ten on; wait for gypsum with temporary roof on it.

AF – where is the gypsum?

Mr. Catelli – roof in area of project; two sections in front; left – right and back 20 ft. to courtyard; “L” is where temporary roof is; gypsum only on front section; can pull off and look; Ed to see – this is new for him on roofing (see repairs)

Mr. Ferreira – not much gypsum there

Mr. Catelli - only 1/3 gypsum anywhere he can get sq. footage

Mr. Ferreira – would like DEM plans for first drain and for the one going in now; asked if all were approved by DEM?

Mr. Monteiro – original bid; one scaled down version; third version there now

Mr. Catelli - plan wise, he has two

Mr. Monteiro – give Mr. Ferreira documents up to code

Mr. Ferreira said he knows where we are going with this; any drawings for handicap ramp at Whiteknact and Waddington?

Mr. Catelli – Waddington had no plan; Whiteknact added ramp; not charged by contractor; not SMMA; contractor put ramp in; had handicap ramp at Whiteknact; he did ADA at Waddington.

Mr. Monteiro - are they compliant with ADA ramps; do they have to be ADA?

Mr. Catelli – the Fire Dept. wanted it; we did it at Oldham; kids have to go to the sidewalk; more access than ADA; as long as 5 X 5 turn radius for wheelchairs

Mr. Monteiro – ready to go on following Monday;

Mr. Catelli - 15th on federal level when we can start – restricted to that; dismantled shelves in library; we will take care of holes, staples, in walls; because of asbestos and in order to be done for September, too much involved for PTA and volunteers; we will strip, patch, paint and put in rugs; volunteers can put books back. Mr. Ferreira will get volunteers for that.

Action Items

Awarding of Bid - Painting of Chalkboards at the High School – Kim Mercer advised that chalkboards are being converted to whiteboards; painted a sample one and it came out good; Superintendent recommended awarding the bid to Manuel J. Mauricio Painting, 25 Russell Avenue, East Providence, RI in the amount of \$6,300.00. Discussion about rooms being excluded because of staff members with allergies; if the teacher leaves, our staff can go in and paint the board.

Mr. Catelli – clean once; easy process

Mr. Monteiro – if not doing a room, is there a legitimate reason

Ms. Clupny supported it for health reasons

Motion by Elizabeth Clupny to accept Superintendent's recommendation to award bid to Mauricio Painting, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 3-0.

Mr. Monteiro announced the arrangements for the funeral of former Superintendent John V. DeGoes and expressed condolences to his family on behalf of the School Department.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Clupny, seconded by Mr. Ferreira. Vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant

Elizabeth Clupny, Clerk of the Committee